proceeded against under Section 90 of the Criminal Procedure Code in connection with the anti-tapping movement ?

MR. S. PARAMESVARA AIYAR : Section 90 of the Criminal Procedure Code applies to security proceedings taken by a Magistrate when he receives information that a person is likely to commit a breach of the peace or to do any wrongful act that may probably occasion a breach of the peace. The connection in which this conduct occurs is immaterial. Government do not therefore propose to collect the information required by the member.

MR. M. R. MADHAVA VARIAR : Are Government aware of any such cases in connection with the anti-tapping movement?

MR. S. PARAMESVARA AIYAR : The Government are only aware that security proceedings have been taken under Section 90 of the Criminal Procedure Code. Whether they are in connection with anti-tapping or not is not known.

Tapping and Excise Officers.

10. MR. M. R. MADHAVA VARIAR : (*a*) Are the Government aware that some Excise Officers are preaching the benefits of tapping ?

(*b*) Do they encourage tapping under orders from the Government ?

MR. S. PARAMESVARA AIYAR : (*a*) & (*b*) The answer is in the negative.

MR. M. R. MADHAVA VARIAR: Do the Government know that in some newspapers it was stated that the Assistant Excise Commissioner, Mr. T. V. Ramakrishna Aiyar, delivered a lecture on tapping at Alleppey at a public meeting?

PRESIDENT : That question has to be disallowed, Mr. Madhava Variar. I have already ruled that no question based on a newspaper article can be answered.

Ezhavas and the Excise Department.

11. MR. K. PARAMESVARAN PILLAI: (*a*) Are the Government aware that there is an impression among certain classes of people that the Government refuse to appoint Ezhava candidates in the Excise Department on the ground that they would encourage illicit distillation ?

(*b*) Will the Government be pleased to place on the table the number of Ezhavas holding appointments in the various grades of the Excise Department ?

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